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# Respecting cultural diversity

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS KENNETH B. HUNTER

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September 11, 2001 changed America forever. The devastation of that one event three years ago has had ripple effects across America and around the world. Life for many of us has never been the same. "What a Difference a Day Makes," a song by Dinah Washington in the 1960s can probably best describe Sept. 11, 2001. But different from the song that said, "...brought the sun and flowers, where there used to be rain," it brought a rain of terror and a flood of tears. The news media spends a good portion of its time reporting about the war on terrorism. However, terrorism in America did not begin with the events of Sept.11. Terrorism has always been with us, but its effects had never been felt as they were on that day. It was a horrifying experience for those of us who watched it on television and much more horrifying for those who experienced it. There are some challenges we must face and overcome if America is going to continue being the greatest country in the world. September 11 was for me and for many others in the United States, a wake-up call to reevaluate our priorities in life establishing simplicity, sensitivity, and a sense of fair play in dealing with

If you didn't know it before, Sept. 11, 2001, made it very apparent that today we are in a diverse, global society. I was born in Chicago. Since I've been in the military, I have lived in the Far East, Central America, Europe, and the southeast and southwest portions of the United States. I noticed the diversity in all these areas in the grocery stores and the grocery markets. What stood out among these stores and markets was that they provided goods to a diverse clientele. Here is another point about how diversity is changing our surroundings. In our United States, did you know that there are approximately 2,000 religious groups? Although this country was initially known as mostly white and protestant, it can no longer claim that status.

The Sept. 11 catastrophe hit Americans in the face. It made clear that we do not know or understand about other religions or ethnic groups. An important need to increase our understanding of cultural diversity was

made evident. Our society is changing everyday. Our surroundings are in constant change and our attitudes about people are constantly being challenged. Living in the information age with satellites and computers all over the world has made us truly a global society. Being in a global society makes it imperative that we become a diversity-sensitive society.

It is important that we see people as people regardless of their race or color of their skin. If we all look inside one another we will see more human similarities than differences. Yet at the same time, it is those differences that make our society and our world community truly unique and interesting. Respect and dignity must begin with education at all levels.

Public Education would be an excellent starting point. Public Education must be a major player as children learn about each other's cultures. Our military is an excellent example of where it could start because of how transient our military families are. Mary Anton-Oldenbury's "Celebrate Diversity! How to Create a

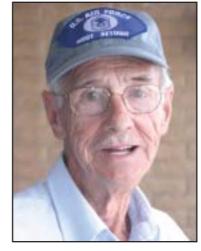
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## Why is it important to have POW/MIA day?









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# Move, shoot, communicate Signal Soldiers train for eventuality of combat

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11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The roads of Iraq are unlike the battlefields Soldiers knew in past wars. There is no uniformed enemy, no flags to mark their equipment and no singular figurehead to topple for victory. While Al Qaeda's leadership must re-

1st Lt. Felix Torres, executive officer for Company B, 40th Signal Battalion, fires from the passenger seat of a humvee in motion during mounted live fire training.

sort to videotaped edicts and Iraq's former dictator was taken from his hole in the ground months ago, the wars we fight are far from over.

On an unpredictable, nontraditional battlefield, Soldiers must be versatile enough to fight and win whether in a foxhole or riding shotgun in a truck, regardless of their

> The Soldiers of Company B, 40th Signal Battalion, are leading the way to tomorrow's battlefield for the 11th Signal Brigade, an Echelons-Above-Corps signal unit. On the mounted live fire range on Fort Huachuca, the Company B Soldiers spent the week of Sept. 13 learning to shoot back at enemies while on the move. While their primary mission is to provide long-range communications, both memories and lessons learned from Iraq drive them to be ready

Though tradition has placed such combat support units "in the rear with the gear," the lessons learned during the last three years at war have proven the words of the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker.

"Every Soldier is a Soldier first, regardless of whether they're a truck driver or a typist, a maintainer or infantryman, Schoomaker said. "While technology has helped the Arm" become more lethal and effective, individual Soldiers stil do the fighting."

For these signal Soldiers, "getting the shot in" doesn' just mean establishing a communications link.

"With today's asymmetrical battlefield, this training i critical," said Capt. Timothy N. Timmons, commander o Company B, 40th Sig. Bn. "Yes, we're a signal unit, bu we're no use to anybody if we're dead."

While being deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom Thunderbird Soldiers racked up countless miles on con voys throughout Iraq and Kuwait. The constant threat encountered while on these convoys gave valuable experi ence to Soldiers of every rank in the unit.

"The mindset before Operation Iraqi Freedom was tha we would always be in the rear," Timmons said. "We know different now. We've used Army Lessons Learned, read about actual ambushes and applied our own experience to this training."

While his company currently has no orders to deploy again, the "Big Dawgs" of Company B are training to pre pare the Soldiers, not just the unit.

"Even if there is only a nucleus of 25 Soldiers still here when we deploy again, they can teach the other Soldier from their lessons learned," Timmons said. "Somebody is

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## VFW supports troops

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE

SCOUT STAFF

For 130 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been committed to bringing battlefield fighters together to bond, offer each other support and support the community.

"We do a lot for the community, a lot for the veterans and a lot for students," said Lindsey Botkin, commander, VFW Post 10342 in Huachuca City.

The eligibility requirements for servicemembers to join the VFW, in general, will allow anyone who has been awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal to join, Botkin said, but should be checked against specific requirements from the VFW.

Botkin himself is a Vietnam veteran who became actively involved in the organization 1992.

"I got involved wanting to help the veterans and to be able to feel like we're doing something decent and good," he said.

Botkin said the VFW offers many scholarships to high school students, including the Voice of Democracy for students in grades 9 though 11. Scholarships are offered at post, district, state and national levels. From all the scholarships, the organization has given more than \$3 million away

since 1947, Botkin said.

The VFW also supports Boy Scout programs and teachers, firemen, policemen and paramedics through yearly awards. Additionally, VFW halls are often available for community use.

Another important function of the organization is to help veterans deal with issues related to war experiences.

"It gets veterans together to socialize and hash things out," Botkin said. "It makes them feel a little better to go someplace and

Members of the organization have included eight U.S. presidents, senator and astronaut John Glenn and legendary Soldier Sgt. Audie Murphy.

"Our common bond is the battlefield, whether it is service in the Persian Gulf, Korea, Kosovo, the war on terrorism or peacekeeping expeditionary campaigns," the VFW Web site says. "Your courage and sacrifice has made a difference in preserving and defending world peace. Become part of the VFW family today so you can make a difference in your community tomorrow."

"Every major town has a VFW," said Botkin, who urges Soldiers on post to consider joining. "Its veterans helping veterans and families of deceased veterans," Botkin



#### Burn, baby, burn

Controlled burns are being used on Fort Huachuca to clear fuel load and reintroduce fire into the natural cycle, said Gilbert Gil, post firefighter and burn boss. In some places, such as areas on the East Range, where post firefighter Brian King uses a drip torch to ignite grasses Sept. 16, have not been burned in 15 to 20 years. Controlled burns are being used on Fort Huachuca to clear fuel load and reintroduce fire into the natural cycle, said Gilbert Gil, post firefighter and burn boss. The aim of the burns is to decrease shrubs and increase occurrence of natural grasses. "Burns are just the way nature takes care of itself," Gil said. "It's nature pruning itself."

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# Helping injured Soldiers

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE

SCOUT STAFF

Of the more than 30 years she has spent as a professional nurse and the 18 years she has been nursing in the Army, the most rewarding was the time spent working in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, said Maj. Dorothy Colfer, who was atached to the 94th General Hospital there

"I felt like all of my years of nursing led up to that point," she said. "All of the years of nursing played a role in being able to function over there."

Colfer has worked in intensive care units for almost 20 years, but has had experience working with burn patients at Brooke Army Medical Center,

Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Because of this, she was often called upon to take care of burn victims at her unit in Germany.

She said that some of the younger nurses had a hard time adjusting to the work because they didn't have much experience working with patients that were as severely injured as those that came through their unit.

"Working in the ICU, we saw the worst of the worst," Colfer said.

In order to cope with the stress of taking care of the wounded, Colfer said the nurses in the unit would trade off which patients they would take care of. More experienced nurses would take care of the more demanding patients, and nurses with specialized experience would take care

of patients with particular types of injuries. In Colfer's case, she often found herself taking care of burn patients, a special calling many nurses could not handle, but one Colfer was experienced with and willing to take on.

"I didn't have trouble dealing with the burn patients," she said. "Some nurses had a very difficult time. I tried to train them and some would say they couldn't do it, they just couldn't handle dealing with it."

Even with her bottomless compassion for injured Soldiers, Colfer also had moments of vulnerability as she witnessed the wounds received by the young servicemembers fighting against terrorism in Iraq. She teared up recalling a young patient who had received burns over 90 per-

cent of his body when the fuel truck he had been driving exploded in an ambush. She recalled the sheer brutality of the wounds and did all she could to keep him alive long enough to be flown home to the United States to his family.

"It took three of us to take care of him the first night," Colfer said.

Illustrating the constant care and concern for their charges, the nurses at the unit in Germany would do their best to contact patients' families, Colfer said. Additionally, she said she saw the professional development of many of the younger nurses.

"Over time, some of the weaker [nurses] became much stronger because we all had to help each other out," she said.

The job of the staff in Landstuhl is to provide care so that patients' transition to the United States is as smooth and safe as possible.

"Within two days of a Soldier getting injured in Iraq, they end up at Landstuhl," she said. "While in Landstuhl, we stabilize them more so they can make the long journey back to the States."

Colfer also commended the burn unit at Fort Sam Houston for its excellence in the caring for the patients coming over, transitioning them quickly.

By doing their best, Colfer said the tough job the nurses have at Landstuhl becomes rewarding.

"Things like that really made it worthwhile," she said. "Knowing you were making a difference."

## Burn center restoring wounded troops' lives

BY DONNA MILES

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Army Staff Sgt. Michele Mitchell's journey Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to the Defense Department's only center committed to treating burn victims began in late April, when she was riding in an up-armored humvee near Baghdad as part of a five-vehicle convoy dispatched to pick up troops.

The 571st Military Police Company medic, who deployed to Iraq with her unit from Fort Lewis, Wash., recalls sitting in the back seat, directly behind the driver, "scoping" he area for aggressors as the convoy traversed hrough a series of checkpoints.

What Mitchell's scope didn't detect was a hidden improvised explosive device in the roadway that sent shrapnel blasting through her vehicle and caused it to burst into flames.

The explosion and fire mangled Mitchell's arm and left both legs with extensive burns. It just ripped me up," said the veteran of 10 years, who said she "knew something was wrong" immediately but never actually saw her injuries until weeks after the incident.

After being airlifted to Logistics Support Area Anaconda, in Balad, Iraq, then to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Gernany, Mitchell was quickly transferred to Fort Sam Houston, to the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research's Burn Center.

The center, which opened in 1947, treats ourn patients from every military service, as well as veterans. And as the only burn center n central Texas, it also serves as the regional ourn center for civilian burn victims, explained at. Col. Lee Cancio, a surgeon at the center for the past 10 years

But of all the center's patients — typically several hundred a year — Cancio said none pull at the center staff's heartstrings more than service members injured in the line of duty, particularly in combat.

"We're here because we want to take care our injured combat casualties," he said. "It's difficult work, both physically and emotionally, but the entire staff takes great satisfaction in being able to help these men and women who have served their country."

Since the start of the war on terror, 129 service members have been medically evacuated from Iraq and Afghanistan to be treated for severe burns at the center. Nearly half have been accompanied during their flights to Fort Sam Houston by the burn center's five-person flight team, which ensures the patient is stable and begins lifesaving treatment immediately.

Initially, many burn victims from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom were injured through preventable accidents, including those involved with burning human waste, he said. Later, after an aggressive education program helped reduce those injuries, Cancio said, rocket-propelled grenades became the No. 1 cause of burns in Southwest Asia.

But today, roadside bombs like the one that Mitchell said left her legs looking "like burned hamburger meat" are the leading cause of severe burns in Iraq.

Regardless of their cause, burns inflict tremendous damage to the body. Infection threatens exposed tissue. Skin can't retain fluids, sometimes threatening to shut down the kidneys. Body temperatures plummet, causing patients to shiver from cold, even when under heat lamps. Lungs often are damaged by fire, smoke and chemicals.

"This is probably the worst kind of injury a person can endure," said Army Staff Sgt. Dave Waymon, a licensed vocational nurse at the center for almost five years. "The treatment is long, extensive and painful for the patient."

Dressing changes, dead tissue removal, antibiotic cream applications and skin grafts—all necessary to fight infection and speed up healing—can be unbearable.

Spray from a shower nozzle can feel like bullets against charred flesh. Physical therapy exercises, critical to keeping a patient's muscles from tightening as they heal, can be tortuous.

When a new patient is admitted to the center, one of the first steps is to remove any dead skin or hair from the wound that can harbor bacteria and lead to infection, Waymon explained. That requires a thorough scrubdown that some burn patients, like Mitchell, say they're so medicated they don't remember — and that those who do remember wish they could forget.

"The whole time they're here, that initial bath or shower is the most painful," Waymon

Treatment for burn victims generally takes far longer than for other trauma patients — typically one to two days for every 1 percent of the body burned, according to Maj. Louis Stout, head nurse at the center. For some patients, hospital stays can last months.

Five months after her injury, Mitchell is well along the path to recovery, but still un-



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dergoing treatment at the burn center. "Laughter and a lot of prayer got me through" the most difficult days, she said. "You learn just how strong you can be, and your patience increases because healing doesn't happen overnight."

Recovering from severe burns, she said, "is like going through a tunnel. If you realize you're simply going through it and that it's not a permanent stay, you'll make it."

Army Sgt. Joshua Forbess, one of just five Soldiers who survived a fiery Black Hawk helicopter crash last November in Mosul, Iraq, credits the staff at the burn center with pushing him to recover from his serious burns. "The staff here is amazing. They really motivated me," he said. "And they impressed on me that you have to push yourself, too."

Despite the physical and emotional demands of the duty, Cancio said duty in the burn center has a lot to offer military medical professionals.

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#### **CFC** kicks off

Sierra Vista Mayor Thomas J. Hessler speaks with Fort Huachuca troops at the Combined Federal Campaign kick off luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center Tuesday. The CFC gives government employees a convienient way to donate to many worthy organizations.

## Temp housing erected

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Modular structure barracks units are being assembled in Prosser Village to accommodate these Soldiers being trained in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The barracks are trailer units linked together to create open sleeping bays, day rooms and administrative facilities, said John Ruble, director of Installation Support.

Phase one of the three phase barracks plan has been completed and consists of two company areas, six open bay barracks and two split bay (co-ed) barracks, Ruble said. The barracks are located north of Eifler Gym on Hunt road and will accommodate 464 Soldiers, some of who moved in last weekend.

"We're overloaded in Prosser Village," said Lt. Col. Erasmo Martinez, director, Digital Training Office. "These barracks are designed to relieve the load in existing Prosser Village structures."

"The command is trying to provide the best facilities possible in a short amount of time," Martinez added.

The barracks aren't the only new temporary addition to Prosser Village. Other

improvements proposed include new physical training fields, a new dining facility and another troop medical clinic.

The barracks planning will have no significately negative impact on the For Huachuca environment, said Gretcher Kent, National Environmental Protection Agency coordinator.

Water saving devices are being installed in the faucets and toilets and the run off from rain water is being managed, Kent said.

"As long as run off is managed the [environmental] impact is negligible." Also, the land was previously graded for developmen so no pristine environment is being disturbed Kent added.

Phase two has been approved for set up and will have 10 open bay barracks and house 580 Soldiers, Ruble said.

This barracks plan cost \$2.2 million for construction including site preparation costs and leasing of the trailer structures, Ruble said. The barracks will be in existence for the next three years unless an extension is granted for their use, Ruble said. There are currently no plans to replace them with a permanent barracks structure being that the influx of additional Soldiers is only a temporary situation, Ruble said.

# Keep your baby safe all year round

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September is National Baby Safety Month. Its purpose is to increase consumer awareness of safety surrounding safe selection and use of baby products. The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association is responsible for beginning this important awareness month.

Parents should consider precautions when choosing car seats, cribs and other accessories according to product safety guidelines. Choosing products for your baby can be confusing, with all the gadgets and features available. But there is one overriding consideration that must never be compromised when picking out your baby's products and that is safety.

Accidents are the leading cause of death in children. Most of these accidents are preventable and that

makes it even more important to keep our children's safety at the forefront.

Here are some tips to keep your infant or child safe:

#### Car seat safety

Use rear facing infant car seats in the back seat until your baby is one year old and 20 pounds. Make sure you carefully read the car seat's instructions so it gets installed correctly. If you need assistance with installing your car seat, call Army Community Services at 533-6877.

#### Sleeping safety

Put your baby to sleep on his or her back to prevent sudden infant death syndrome. Sleeping on the side is not recommended, especially if he can roll over onto his stomach. Also, make sure that day care personnel or babysitters know to put your baby to sleep on his or her back.

#### Child proof your home

Use covers on electrical outlets and latches on cabinets. Install smoke detectors and have fire extinguishers in the house and use fire retardant sleepwear. Prevent poisonings by keeping household cleaners, chemicals and medicines completely out of reach and always store them in their original containers. Keep the Poison Control Center number readily available – 1-800-362-0101. Use stair gates and window guards; children are very quick and can injure themselves very easily.

To prevent drowning, empty all water from bathtubs and pails, keep the door to the bathroom closed and never leave your child alone near any container of water. Do not carry hot liquids or food near your child and do not allow your child near stoves, heaters or other hot appliances. When cooking, use the back burners and turn the pot

handles inward. Baby proofing your home is the best thing you can do to keep your baby safe.

#### **Prevent choking**

Young children are at high risk for choking. They put things in their mouth and smaller items can easily be swallowed and get stuck in their esophagus or windpipe. Cut foods into bite size pieces. Foods to be especially careful with include grapes, hot dogs, raw carrots and celery sticks. Avoid foods such as peanuts, hard candies and popcorn since they can easily cause choking. Do not allow your younger children to play with coins. Avoid allowing your children to play with rubber or latex balloons.

Take the time to check out your child's environment and look for small items, especially coins, safety pins, tacks and bugs in the areas where your children are playing. Check their toys for loose wheels or parts, these too can be put in their

mouth and cause them to choke. Take a first aid course to learn what to do if your child is choking.

Keep your child safe and immunize them according to schedule. If you need additional information on your child's immunization schedule, call the pediatric clinic. Maintain a smoke free environment for your baby. Don't allow your baby to stand up in the grocery cart at the store. Use the safety strap to keep him seated.

Life can't be risk-free, but most household accidents can be prevented by utilizing a household safety checklist. This will help you identify and eliminate any potential hazards in your home. Protecting your child from household dangers in your job and it's a job that will always be evolving to keep up with your child's growing mobility and curiosity. As they grow older, your job becomes more difficult, as he touches, tastes and climbs his way through the world.

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## Volunteers recognized

Jana Procter was recognized at the Roundup at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre for her community involvement with the Golden Rose award Sept. 14. Additionally, the ladies of Army Community Service were recognized for having received ACS accreditation, which is offered once every three years through the Installation Management Agency. This is one of the first such accrediations in the Southwest region of IMA. In addition, Eileen McWilliams was recognized for her extensive volunteer service with an ACS voluneer award. McWilliams has spent numerous hours



ACS accreditation awardees (left), Brig. Gen. Warner I. Sumpter with Jana Proctor (center) and Eileen McWilliams.

volunteering with many services on post.





## Military astronaut trainees excited, ready

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

When Air Force Maj. James Dutton Jr. returns from his first space mission, he hopes to bring back a U.S. flag — but not just any

He's going to focus on the one planted on the moon 35 years ago by astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. At least, that's the request Dutton's oldest son, J.P., 7, made after learning his father was selected in May as one of 14 new candidates to begin astronaut training this fall.

Dutton, and fellow servicemembers, Marine Corps Maj. Randy Breznik, and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Cassidy were among the new trainee class visiting here Sept. 15. The fourth military officer, Army Maj. Robert Kimbrough, was called away. Recently the group has been touring NASA facilities to learn about the research and work being done. The candidates reported to NASA for training Aug. 6.

Dutton, a pilot, said he and other astronauts had already spent a week in Maine for survival training. They also traveled to the Johnson Space Center, in Houston. There, they trained in the T-38, a small aircraft that NASA uses to help pilots maintain their flight proficiency and where non-pilots learn navi-

This fall or early next year, Dutton said he'll be excited to begin academic training on the orbiter, space station and space shuttle systems. For him, that training will begin the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to explore space.

"As a young kid I was just fascinated with space," Dutton explained. "The thought of being able to go into outer space and the idea of being able to work on something that would benefit all mankind is just amazing.'

Cassidy noted there is "no secret recipe" for becoming an astronaut, even though most candidates hold advanced degrees in math, science and technology. For example, he has a bachelor's in mathematics from the U.S. Naval Academy, and a master's in Ocean Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

"The key part is just to get the interview," he said, adding, then it's a plus to be really nice. "They (the selection board) really look for nice people. So I guess I'm a nice guy."

Duane Ross, who manages the astronautselection process and candidate basic training program, agreed. He said it takes a mix of attributes to make a good astronaut candidate. He stressed "education, work experience and then all the other outside activities people get involved with that gives them a good broad, diverse background.'

"After you've gone through the paper screening and finally bring folks down to interview for the program, what you're really looking for are nice people, people who can get along with everybody from kids on up to members of Congress."

Marine pilot Breznik had felt the odds were too great for him to be selected. But he said he was "was pleasantly surprised, because I never thought it was something that was ever going to happen.

"The thousands of people that apply, the caliber of people that they choose from is something you dream about doing, but you never think it's going to happen," he noted.

Countering the dream is the inherent danger facing astronauts. The military astronauts said NASA's past tragedies had no bearing on their decision, even though they had all applied one month after the space

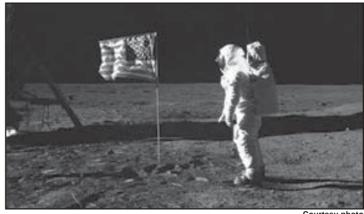
shuttle Columbia tragedy Feb. 1, 2003. Five of the seven astronauts killed aboard that flight were serving U.S. military officers.

"Being around aviation, I realize that accidents do happen," Breznik said. "For me personally, it didn't shake my confidence in the space program; however, it just reiterates how dangerous space travel is.'

Added Dutton: "We each had a chance to think the Columbia tragedy through. Risk is inherent to exploration, and space flight is dangerous, we know that."

"But it's worthwhile, and something that's worthwhile is worth taking the risk," he said.

Cassidy emphasized that "being in the military, you understand about mitigating risks and choosing the course of action that will best mitigate that risk." He said NASA has done a good job of mitigating risks with "good solid



Astronaut candidate Air Force Maj. James Dutton has been asked by his son to bring home the American flag currently sitting on the moon.

engineering practices and safety checks."

Meanwhile, the astronauts said they are anxious to get on with their training and one day finally travel to space. "To see our planet from the outside will be just amazing," Dutton said, "to see how incredible this planet is in the middle of the universe.'

"NASA has been very honest with us and said it's going to be a few years, so just enjoy the training, noted Cassidy. "But I know it will happen one day."

That far-off day can't come too soon for Cassidy's 5-year-old son. Cassidy said after only a week of training, he was met at the door each day by Colin, who excitedly asked the same questions over and over:

"Did you go to the moon, today, Dad? Did you go to the moon today? I know you didn't go yesterday, but did you go today, Dad?"

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## Spouses club celebrates those who came before

SPC. JOY PARIANTE SCOUT STAFF

Poodle skirts and saddle shoes were en vogue once again as military wives from Fort Huachuca's past came to share their stories of hardship and happiness with the Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club at a '50s themed luncheon Sept. 15 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

The concept for the white glove luncheon, complete with a polished silver tea set, came to FHCSC member Robin Storey after meeting Norma Symmes, a spouse who lived on Fort Huachuca in the late 1950s.

"The first person I met...was Norma Symmes," Storey explained. "She welcomed me [to a spouses' club luncheon] and shared a great story about living in Apache Flats and washing her baby's diapers in the shower.

"I thought about what wonderful stories she must know."

two years ago and it blossomed into the concept of gathering military spouses from the 1950s though 1970s together to describe to today's spouses what the mountain fort was like when it was only the old post area. Storey hoped to give today's spouses a "picture of what Fort Huachuca was like when it reopened.'

Ellen Grombacher, whose husband was the commanding general of Fort Huachuca from 1976-1982, first encountered the Army when her husband was recalled for active service in 1950 for the war in Vietnam. The concept of being married and being in the Army was still widely unaccepted. The general consensus was if the Army wanted you to have a wife, they would have issued you one, Grombacher said. She said throughout her husband's Army career, she was mostly ignored and never really

became involved in anything.

The other spouses, however, had a vastly different view of the Army and their place in it.

"We [spouses] had great support here [at Fort Huachuca]," said Jane Gonseth, whose husband was the deputy chief of staff. The spouses club she presided over in the late '=50s was in charge of all the hiring, firing and payroll issues for the post's childcare centers.

In addition to their work obligations, the early spouses club had a plethora of other activities to participate in. They hosted seasonal fashion shows and variety shows with song and dance numbers from organizations across post. The club hosted an annual international fair and had functions for just about every

holiday.

They had their very own newsletter where local businesses were more than happy to advertise and all their activities were covered by the post public information office, Gonseth said. "[The years at Fort Huachuca] were the happiest years of

my life." Symmes agreed with Grombacher's sentiment that

life as a military spouse 40-plus years ago had its hardships. She also agreed that wives were very isolated from the Army aspect of things at that time. She knew her husband was a signal captain at Huachuca, but she "didn't pay much attention" to his job because she was busy taking care of the house and children.

Wives had many of the

same woes such as separation and constant moving, but they had to deal with a severe lack of housing at Huachuca and a sense of isolation. "The post had just reopened, there was no intel, just signal and

> an airport. There was very little on Fry Boulevard

> > and it

hard to get to Tucson," Symmes said.

"Sierra Vista only ran to Seventh Street and there was one drive-in movie, one grocery store, one drug store and one very small ladies dress shop,' Gonseth said. She also described the long drive to Tucson, either through Tombstone or St. David. Since there was no direct route; Highway 90 didn't

exist yet, the trip took well over two hours. The lack of housing at Fort Huachuca following That first meeting was its reopening was a signifi See WIVES, Page 1 Bette Call and Jane Gonseth share stories of In this 1960 photo, the sanara items to help the papage Fort Huachuca. Ellen Grombacher chats with

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fellow spouses.

#### Range closures

Today – AD, AF, AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2, T3
Friday – AD, AF, AL, AS, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday – AF, AL, AU, AV, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday – No Closures
Monday – AD, AF, AM, AU, AW, AY
Tuesday – AD, AF, AM, AU, AW, AY
Wednesday – AD, AF, AM, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
For more information, call Range Control 533-7095.

#### **Heritage Partnership survey**

In an effort to better serve the needs of the Army community in and around Fort Huachuca, the Sierra Vista Army Community Heritage Partnership survey is now available. Military, civilian personnel, retirees and their families are invited to provide input. Pick up surveys at the Commissary, Jeannie's Diner, the PX and the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre or on the Fort Huachuca homepage. For more information, call Holly Sickels at 538-1427.

#### **Officers Course**

Majors have one more opportunity to complete this required Officer Professional Development course while it is still offered at Fort Huachuca. This is the last year that Phase III of the Command and General Staff Officers Course will be offered. The course will start in October and will meet one weekend each month on post, through May.

If you have completed Phases I and II, consider enrolling. There are both a minimum and maximum number of students allowed in each class. For more information, call Lt. Col. William A. Purciello at 533-6514.

#### USO at mall

The Mall at Sierra Vista is teaming up with the United Service Organizations to help troops overseas and their families. USA displays of how people can support a Soldier and his family are currently located at various points in the mall. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.uso.org">www.uso.org</a>.

#### **Employer visit day**

The Army and Career Alumni Program will host an employer visit day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the ACAP center, Building 22420. Employer visit day is an opportunity for Soldiers, family members and industry representatives to meet. For more information, call 533-5764.

#### Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome new-comers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Welcome - a newcomer's orientation - is scheduled for 9 a.m., Friday, at Murr Community Center. The orientation will provide one-stop access to the information needed to make the transition to Fort Huachuca a smooth one for spouses and family members. Information about school and youth programs, health care services, employment assistance programs and more will be provided, and a tour of the post is included. Pre-register for the welcome by call ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

#### Yom Kippur observance

The end of the Jewish High Holy Day period, Yom Kippur, will be observed with services Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 533-4711.

#### **Ammunition supply point closure**

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed for quarterly inventory Tuesday - Sept.30. For emergencies, call Manny Bringas at 533-2512, or Jose Fierros at 533-3617, or 520-266-2959/2963.

#### Family child care training

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is now accepting applications for their next FCC Training Class beginning at 6 p.m., Monday - Thursday, during October. This will be the first time the class has been offered in the evening.

Family members 18 and older interested in earning an extra income by caring for children in their home should plan to attend this free training. Class sizes are limited.

Contact the FCC Office for an application. For more information, call 533-2498 or stop by the FCC Office at Murr Community Center, Building 51301. The office is open 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

#### Change in hours

The Directorate of Information Management Official Mail and Distribution Center, Building 22408, will be open throughout lunch beginning on Oct. 1. For more information, call Joe Garcia at 533-3717.

#### New open recreation program

School-Age Services will present an open recreation program for grades 1 - 5, 1 - 4 p.m., the first Saturday of each month, beginning Oct. 2 at the Seifert School-Age Services Center, Building 52056.

Cost of the program will be \$2.50 per child, per hour. All children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Call 533-0738 for registration information.

For more information or to register for the recreation program, call 538-1198 or 533-7633.

#### Change to heat

The Directorate of Installation Support has scheduled the changeover to heating equipment to begin Oct. 4. Completion dates are projected to be Oct. 31 for post facilities and Nov. 12 for family housing units. In most facilities, this changeover requires the cooler to be disconnected before the heating unit can be activated. Occupants waiting to have their changeover performed are urged to close windows and wear sweaters on cool days. All occupants are reminded in no instance should ovens be used to heat quarters as this could cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

#### AFTB Level I classes offered

Army Family Team Building will offer AFTB Level I classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., Oct. 5, 6 and 7 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

AFTB Level I, also known as "Army 101" provides an introduction to Army life.

For more information or to register, contact Andrea Sovern, AFTB program manager, at 533-3686 or e-mail <a href="mailto:huachuca\_aftb@hotmail.com">huachuca\_aftb@hotmail.com</a>. You may also sign up for the class by calling Army Community Service at 533-2330.

#### **Germany orientation**

Army Community Service is offering a Germany orientation 6 p.m., Oct. 6 at Murr Community Center for soldiers and family members going to Germany for the first time.

Registration is requested by calling ACS at 533-2330. For additional information, contact Pamela

Allen at 533-5919.

#### **Relocation Workshop**

Army Community Service is offering the "Smooth Move" relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move at 1 p.m., Oct. 6; 6 p.m., Oct. 21; and 1:30 p.m., Oct. 22. During the events, basic information on relocating will be covered, including relocation benefits, a moving checklist, and a question and answer session.

Registration is requested by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

#### Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service has scheduled the following financial readiness classes for October: checking account management, 9 - 11 a.m., Oct. 6 at ACS Building 50010; budget and family supplemental subsistence allowance class, 9 - 11 a.m., Oct. 13 at ACS Building; and mandatory financial readiness classes, 1 - 5 p.m., Oct. 13 and 14 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

Register by calling ACS, 533-2330, or for more information, call Christine Bachand at 533-6884.

#### Force stabilization briefings

Army Human Resources Command will conduct Force Stabilization briefings on Oct. 6. Soldiers in the rank of staff sergeant and below may attend either a morning or afternoon session at Cochise Theater and officers and sergeants first class are invited to a one-time briefing at Greely Hall. The briefing for staff sergeant and below will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Cochise Theatre. Officers and sergeants first class and above will have only one session from 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 6 in Greely Hall Auditorium, Room 1215. Representatives will present the latest policies and implementation plans related to stabilization, followed by a question and answer session.

#### AFTB Level II classes offered

Army Family Team Building will offer Level II AFTB classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., Oct. 12, 14, 19, 21 and 26 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

AFTB Level II is a series of classes that range from understanding Army life to enhancing leadership

Contact Andrea Sovern, AFTB program manager, at 533-3686 for more information. To sign up for the class, call Army Community Service at 533-2330.

#### **Disability Awareness Month luncheon**

A luncheon to educate and enhance cross-cultural awareness among Soldiers, DA civilians and the local community will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The guest speaker will be Trina Smolen, chairperson, Commission on Disability Issues. The cost is \$10. for more information, call Gail Mortensen at 533-6871, Joan Street at 538-0276, Irene Swann at 533-3036, Gordon Lewis at 538-6081, or the EEO office at 533-2028.

Lewis at 538-6081, or the EEO office at 533-2028.

#### Korea orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Korea orientation 6 p.m., Oct. 14 at the ACS Building 50010 for Soldiers and family members going to Korea for the first time.

Registration is requested by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

#### RESPECT, from Page 2 -

Caring Classroom that Honors Your Students' Cultural Backgrounds," states the following: "The young people who fill our classrooms are increasingly diverse, which is a reflection of the United States as a whole." Nearly 8 million new immigrants settled in this country between 1981 and 1990, according to figures available from the U. S. Census Bureau. It is estimated that 80 percent of them came here from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia. Experts predict that by 2020, children of

color will make up close to 46 percent of America's school-age population.

As leaders, supervisors and interested citizens, we could use a few of her suggestions as a blueprint on how to educate and celebrate workplace diversity as well as world diversity. 1) Take the time to learn about the cultural backgrounds of co-workers. 2) Educate yourself about unfamiliar cultures not just for informational purposes but also to truly develop an appreciation of the differences and potential that everyone brings to the

table. 3) Encourage teamwork and respect of different cultures by problem solving from multiple perspectives.

In closing, we live and work in a multicultural society. One should learn to be objective and see the world as it is to value and appreciate diversity. Author Stephen R. Covey said in the book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," "We see the world, not as it is, but as we are-or, as we are conditioned to see it. When we open our mouths to describe what we see, we in effect describe ourselves, our perceptions, our paradigms (standards). When other people disagree with us, we immediately think something is wrong with them....The more aware we are of our basic paradigms (standards), maps, or assumptions, and the extent to which we have been influenced by our experience, the more we can take responsibility for those paradigms (standards), examine them, test them against reality, listen to others and be open to their perceptions, thereby getting a larger picture and a far more objective view."

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cant problem for all the Soldiers with families who headed out west. Symmes's family lived in a motel for some time and Gonseth lived in both Tombstone and Bisbee before getting housing on post. Fellow spouse Bette Call lived on a ranch in Miller Canyon.

Many of the spouses still reside in the southeastern Arizona area and are impressed by the changes made to "Fry Town" and Fort Huachuca.

"I am amazed, not only by the post, but by Sierra Vista," Gonseth said.

"It's magnificent," Call added. "But, it might be getting a little too big."

The wives commented on the lessons they learned while being part of the Army family. "It's not all bad,"

Symmes commented. "You learn a lot about adjusting."

"You learn to meet people and adjust to every situation," Grombacher echoed. "It's a big learning experience."

"These Army wives paved the way and set the standard for Army family life," Storey concluded. "We still strive to live up to that standard today."

#### BURNS, from Page 3

"Some people are reluctant to come to work in the burn center because they know it's extremely hard work in very difficult circumstances," he said. "But the folks here are delivering topnotch care in a state-of-the-art facility. If you want a place to learn cutting-edge combat-casualty care, this is the place to do it."

The center staff say the job brings tremendous personal gratification as well. "One of the satisfactions is telling a patient, 'You're fine. Go back to your unit and have a good life,'" Cancio said.

Of the 129 servicemembers admitted to the unit with burns received in Iraq and Afghanistan,

all but 15 are back on active duty, although some are still on convalescent leave or have duty restrictions. Cancio said a new outpatient burn clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center here opened in May and provides

long-term follow-up care for patients.

For more information on the Surgical Research Burn Center, v i s i t www.usaisr.amedd.army.mil/bcgen.html.

#### **CONVOY**, from Page 3

this unit will be in harm's way within the next year, and they'll be trained for this."

The mounted live fire range, formerly an M-16 qualification range, was retooled to provide training on firing from a moving vehicle for Soldiers from 1st Cavalry Division, who were preparing to deploy to the OIF theater of operations in February. Their initial set-up and training outline have served as a foundation for other units now training at the range, according to Fort Huachuca's Range Control.

"There are lessons learned being implemented everywhere," said Mary Villarreal, range assistant. "We'd like to have a dedicated range for this type of training."

With not only financial constraints to contend with, but also fire safety and environmental concerns to consider, the expansion of live fire training is an uphill battle on Fort Huachuca. Villarreal and the Range Control team have worked extensively with local fire officials and expanded the training available, but there is more to come. The Range Control team hopes to expand for the modern battlefield with a full-scale convoy live fire range and a military operations on urban terrain training site.

The Soldiers of Company B had been preparing for the mounted live fire range since March. During a solid week of training, the company focused on force protection and convoy operations. The live fire range was the culmination of that training. Despite the length of time since the previous training week, the Soldiers hadn't forgotten a thing.

"We've seen Soldiers apply the training from March as if we trained on it yesterday," 1st Sgt. Mari E. Celestine, Company B first sergeant said. "We're still working our communications mission – we even have [tactical communications equipment] set up at our home site. We're just trying to get the Soldiers trained on force protection for when they have to move."

"I went on a few convoys overseas," said Spc. Erik Cruz, a tactical satellite team chief with Company B, "This is definitely a skill I want to have on future convoys. It was a lot harder to fire than we're used to. We're moving and the road is bumpy...this is as realistic as you can get here."

The Thunderbirds of 11th Sig. Bde. established the largest tactical communications network in military history during Operation Iraqi Freedom, including secure and non-secure voice, data and teleconferencing capabilities to Coalition Forces. Having been involved in every major operation the Army has undertaken in the past 20 years, the Thunderbird Soldiers are always striving to remain tactically and technically proficient.

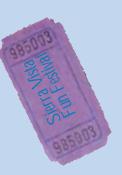


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A humvee returns from the mounted live fire lanes loaded with Soldiers and from Company B, 40th Signal Battalion.

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# Sierra Vista Fun Festival













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espite the unusual precipitation, the Fun Festival entertained Sierra Vista and surrounding communities for the 23rd year in a row, Friday through Sunday at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Entertainment seekers braved the rain, wind and chilly temperatures to hear music from top artists, sample a wide variety of foods and catch some thrills on the carnival rides.

"There are some things you can't control...such as Mother Nature," said Louis Onley, chief, recreation division, Morale, Welfare

and Recreation. "It [the weather] affected the community participation, however, the event was an overall success."

The event was headlined by Mexican singer, actress and model



Jonathan Ramirez, 4, braves the rain to enjoy the rides.

Lorena Herrera who replaced Mexican pop star Pilar Montenegro, who was sidelined by hurricane Ivan. The crowd also enjoyed pop star Dario, a tae kwon do demonstration and a host of carnival rides, food and craft vendors.



Roy Barker, 6, and Ander Barker, 7, get their thrills at the Sierra Vista Fun Festival.

Carnival workers throw on ponchos knowing the

show must go on.

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# rings fun

"All performances went off well except for the last performance [Partners] which we canceled due to weather and lack of participation," Onley said.

Fun Festival had over 70 vendors of food and crafts, some of who booked their spots for this event five months in advance, said Karlie Jo Hale, vendor organizer. In the arena of food there was Mexican, Thai,

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**Louis Onley** 

Korean, German and various American fare as well as funnel cakes, kettle corn, baked goods, Indian fry bread, roasted corn, barbecue and seafood.

There were also merchandise vendors including craft, bath and

body products, face painting, wood works, Mary Kay cosmetics, childrens' fingerprinting, homemade pillows, pottery, jewelry and voting booths.

Using a military/ MWR detail, the event's set up usually takes approximately four days to set up and two to tear down, Onley said.

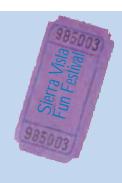
The planning for the Fun Festival begins in May, but the dates for the Fun Festival are usually locked in immediately after the previous year's festival, Onley said. It takes approximately five to six months to plan the weekend long event every year, he added.

"The Fun Festival is an event created to provide entertainment for the community," Onley said.

"It's held to generate revenue for MWR as well as provide an event for units, family readiness groups and local vendors to generate income."



Weekend rains turns Veterans' Memorial Park into a muddy swamp.











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## Service News





#### Changes in uniform regulations

Task Force Uniform has announced some significant changes to the Navy Uniform Regulations, which were recently approved by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark.

These changes are among the first initiatives being rolled out as a result of Task Force Uniform.

The uniform regulation changes were made based on fleet input from interviews with Sailors, command site visits, comprehensive research and data collected from a Navywide uniform survey.

The survey collected feedback from more than 40,000 Sailors throughout the fleet.

The approved changes include women's skirts, identification badges, civilian bags, women's handbags, communication devices and breast insignia.

NAVADMIN 209/04 serves as the interim change to the Navy Uniform Regulations.

#### Time running out to stay in

First-term Marines wishing to reenlist in fiscal year 2004 will have to run to their career planners and submit their reenlistment packages by Sept. 29 in order fight for the 150 spots left in the Marine Corps.

The goal for the Marine Corps in FY04 was 5,974 reenlistments, and 5,992 Marines have already submitted their reenlistment packages, according to Gunnery Sgt. Robert E. Griffith, a career retention specialist with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base

That does not mean Marines can't reenlist, since some military occupational specialties still have boat spaces, or reenlistment spots for first-term Marines,

However, "If a Marine wants to reenlist he may have to (change MOSs)," said Griffith.

#### AEF still an evolving concept

While the air and space expeditionary force construct is not new, it is not finished growing yet either, according to the Air Force deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

"(It is likely) we're not going to fight a war (in the United States)," said Lt. Gen. Ronald E. Keys on Sept. 14 at the Air Force Association's 2004 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here. "We need to have some concept of getting there and getting back

— pick up, pack up, get there, operate, pack up and go home to get ready to do it again."

That is what the AEF does, Keys said.

Before the AEF construct came along, deployments were done in a sort of "bidding" system, with people raising their hands to fill slots in operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch, the general said. Eventually, though, that system stopped work-

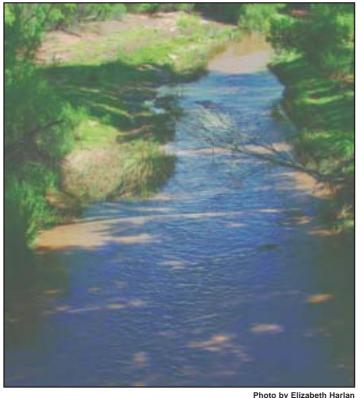
That concept of predictability worked well until Sept. 11, 2001, when everything changed, he said.

A surge in requirements during operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom resulted in the Air Force using Airmen from almost every AEF pair to fulfill requirements.

Adjustments are needed within AEF and training and other programs need to be adjusted to better support an expeditionary force.

The Air Force is also looking at how to better interface with sister services in a joint environment,

"Eventually there will be a joint expeditionary force, and we will eventually train together that way," he said.



#### Water, water everywhere

Normally only a river of water can be seen in the bed of the San Pedro River, however, following this weekend's rains, there was genuine water flow. Wildlife, vegetation and the San Pedro watershed will benefit from the weekend precipitation.

## Officials: Most of Iraq under local control by year's end

BY JIM GARAMONE AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

If the training and equipping of Iraqi security forces continues apace, then most of the country will be under local control by the end of the year, Pentagon officials said Monday.

Army Lt. Gen. Walter Sharp, director of strategic plans on the Joint Staff, said that is the conclusion reached by Multinational Force Iraq commander Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

He said the northern part of the country - including the areas around Mosul and Kirkuk and the southern parts of the country - from Basra to Umm Qasr – are the main areas already controlled locally. These areas have a good security situation, are under the control of local

governments, are moving along in reconstruction and are making progress in economic recovery, he added.

Sharp gave a rundown of how the training and equipping of the Iraqi security forces is going. He said Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus, who commands the Iraqi security force training organization, worked together to decide the needs of the Iraqi government over the long run. Sharp said this bumped up the number of police needed from 90,000 to 135,000, the number of border guards from 16,000 to 32,000 and the number of battalions in the Iraqi National Guard, formerly the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, from 45 to 65.

The multinational force and the Iraqis are working in full partnership, Sharp stressed, and they decided that in the Interior Ministry the Iraqi Police Service has to be the first priority. There are currently 84,950 Iraqis in the police force, with 38,921 of them having been through training.

Sharp said that recruiting for the security forces is not a problem, in spite of terrorists' targeting of the police. This year, 715 Iraqi police have been killed in the line of duty. "Iraqis are answering Prime Minister Allawi's call that security is the responsibility of Iraqis, and they are standing up to the test," Sharp

He said the highest levels of the Defense Department are monitoring the training and equipping efforts. "This is nothing new," he said. "We have been pressing this from the very be-

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## Def Jam Comedy show at LakeSide October 1

The LakeSide Activity Centre will present The Def Jam Comedy Show at 10 p.m., Oct. 1. Returning to the LakeSide to host the show will be comedian Ice Cream.

Headliner for the evening will be Joey Medina, "The Original Latino King of Comedy." Medina is ranked as one of the top 10 Latin comedians in the country. He is a veteran of 16 television shows including A&E's "Evening at the Improv" and "the Roseanne Show." In 1996, Medina won the "Master's Video Comedian of the Year Award." In 1998, he released his award winning comedy album "Below the Belt."

Medina was handpicked by fellow comedian Paul Rodriguez to join his very successful national comedy tour. In 2000 alone, he performed to nearly 100,000 fans. Medina also starred in Paramount's motion picture "The Original Latin Kings of Comedy" with Rodriguez, Cheech Marin and George Lopez.

Also performing will be Manny Llanez, a hot, new Latino comedian.

An after-party, featuring Latino music, will be held at the LakeSide after the show. Another after-party, featuring Top 40 and Hip Hop, will be held at Time Out.

The show is open to the public and features adult entertainment.

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$18 at the door, and are on sale now at MWR Box Office, LakeSide Activity Centre and Sierra Vista Safeway. Admission to either afterparty is included in the ticket price. For more information, call 533-2194.



Joey Medina will headline the comedy show at the LakeSide October 1.

#### Right Arm Night at TMAC

The next commanding general's Right Arm Night will be 4 - 6 p.m., Friday at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

This is a great opportunity to relax and socialize. A pay-as-you-go bar and finger foods will be available. For more information, call 533-3802.

#### PayDay Scramble at MVGC

The next PayDay Scramble will be at 12:30 p.m., Friday at Mountain View Golf Course. For more information, call 533-7088.

#### Arts, crafts, program for children

The "Little Hands" children's arts and crafts program is offered 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or noon - 1 p.m., Saturdays at the MWR Arts Center. The program is open to children 5 - 12.

Each week, participants fabricate a different craft. The upcoming schedule is: Saturday, wind sock; Oct. 2, newspaper owl; Oct. 9, finger printing; and Oct. 16, pottery (clay pumpkin.)

Cost of the program is \$6 per class or \$10 for two classes. You can register your child at the Arts Center, or call 533-2015 for more information.

#### Winter hours at Sportsman's Center

Beginning Oct. 1, the following winter hours will go into effect at the Sportsman's Center: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

Wednesday - Friday; and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 533-7085.

#### Try the Lunch buffet at TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre offers their lunch buffet, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday - Friday. The cost is \$7 per person, which includes full salad bar, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Each day's menu features a different theme. Tuesdays alternate with, "Latino Fiesta" or "Oriental Express;" Wednesdays are "Savory BBQ Day;" Thursday, offers "a Taste of Deutschland," featuring schnitzel and bratwurst; and Friday, is "Southern Comfort Day," with catfish and fried chicken.

For more information, call 533-3802.

#### Temporary changes at BFH

Barnes Field House will host the annual Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association Show Oct. 6 and 7. Because of this event, Barnes patrons need to be aware of some changes in availability at the facil-

The following schedule will apply: Tuesday, lower parking lot will be closed to the public at close of business of BFH; Wednesday, set-up of tent in lower parking lot - cars left in parking lot will be towed at owner's expense; Oct. 3 - 8, all basketball courts closed - entrance to fitness room moved to exterior doors; Oct. 9, basketball courts re-open and normal schedule resumes.

For more information, call Susan Keltner at 538-2022 or 533-0351.

#### World military boxing championships

The Council of International Military Sports will present the World Military Boxing Championships Oct. 22 - 31 at Barnes Field House. This is your opportunity to see boxers from around the world. More than 20 countries will compete in the event, including Russia, Azerbaijan, Germany, Greece, the United States, Ireland, and Oatar, to name a few.

Admission to the first three nights of competition is free. Tickets for the final three nights are on sale now at MWR Box Office and Sierra Vista Safeway. Prices will be as follows: Oct. 27, \$5; Oct. 28, \$5; and Oct. 30, Championship Night, \$8. A three-night package will also be available for \$15.

For more information call 538-1690.

#### Open pottery studio

The MWR Arts Center offers an open pottery studio workshop, 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. noon, Friday and Saturday, weekly.

The workshop will provide the opportunity to gain experience in working with clay, glazes and the firing process. Students will have the opportunity to work with an instructor who has 30 years experience in every aspect of the medium.

Register at the MWR Arts Center. For more information, call 533-2015.

NFL packages available at Box Office The 2004 National Football League season is underway, and the MWR Box Office has Arizona Cardinals football packages available for games Oct. 3 - Jan.

The packages include one night's ac-

commodations at the Amerisuites in Tempe, Ariz., continental breakfast, tickets to the game of your choice and transportation to and from the stadium. Prices start at \$109

During October, the San Diego Zoo will be offering "Kids' Days," for children 11 and under. Children will receive free admission at the gate. Adult tickets for the zoo are on sale at MWR Box Office.

The Box Office also has tickets on sale for the following attractions at the Tucson Convention Center: Oct. 7, Margaret Cho; Oct. 20 - 24, Monsters, Inc.; Nov. 1, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones; and Nov. 9, Yanni. Tickets for all TCC events may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only.

For more information, call the MWR Box Office at 533-2404, or stop by Building 52008, Arizona Street, across from the Commissary.

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#### **Movies**

The Princess Diaries 2 plays Friday at 7 p.m. at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 17



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

#### A is for Apple

Bonnie Austin, special needs preschool teacher at Myer Elementary school, helps Nicholas Sokolowshi, 4, peel an apple for an apple pie on Tuesday. The class is working on a fall unit ans studing the colors red, green and yellow.

## Commander's Cup season ends; Company B 305th takes trophy

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

The Commander's Cup season ended with an award ceremony Sept. 14 at Eifler Gym and Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion walked away with the trophy for the second year in a row, beating Medical Department Activity by a margin of 60 points.

First sergeant Keith Rae, Company B 305th, credited his unit's success on consistency.

"We field a team in every event," he said. "We go out there any try our best."

Rae also noted that his unit has 101 permanent party

Soldiers and more than 200 initial entry training and reclassing Soldiers whose training lasts 42 weeks. Therefore the unit has a pool of Soldiers to draw from that have been on post for awhile, he said.

"We have multiple people play multiple sports," Rae said. "It gets a lot of command emphasis, especially with the IET Soldiers. They always say, 'We don't have anything to do.' Well, we give them something to do."

More teams competed in all the sports this year than in the past two years of Commander's Cup play because of signal Soldiers returning from deployment, said Michelle Kimsey, sports specialist. "Bravo 305th did well because they got into the tournaments, they didn't necessarily win, but they placed," Kimsey said. "They got a jump on everyone."

The Commander's Cup trophy is a floating trophy, alternating homes between winning teams, but when a team wins three years in a row, the trophy is retired and kept by the winning unit, Kimsey said.

There are already plans to build a special platform for the trophy at Company B 305th in anticipation of three-peating the Commander's Cup win.

Just by coming to the organizational meetings,

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Photos by Spc. Susan Redwi

Approximately 30 antique cars cruised through Fort Huachuca and Cochise County recently as part of a tour coordinated by the Old Pueblo Touring Association.

# Old-time cars tour post

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

sight seldom seen in this, or even the past several decades rolled onto post last week. A group of antique cars cruised onto Fort Huachuca, giving their owners a chance to enjoy the beautiful open scenery of Cochise County.

The Old Pueblo Touring Association from Tucson made a stop on post Sept. 14 as a part of a five-day tour that traveled to Sierra Vista, Sonoita, Patagonia, Douglas, Bisbee, Gammon's Gulch and Dragoon, said Frank Hoiles, member of the club and owner of a 1927



Cars allowed in the association must have been made before 1928 and can require between eight and 10 hours of maintenance per month, Hoiles said.

Ford Model T coupe.

"It just gives you a chance to take them [the cars] out and drive them," Hoiles said of the tour. "It takes a lot of work to restore these things."

Approximately 30 antique cars, including several Model Ts, a Dodge Brothers roadster, REOs, Packards, a Pierce Arrow and a Peugeot Alpine Tourer were among the bevy of autos that formed their own parade down Fort Huachuca's historic district on Grierson Street.

The group drove onto post in the morning, stopping at the museums before cruising to the top of Reservoir Hill for coffee and snacks, and a picturesque view of the post below, the mountains in the distance and the San Pedro Valley.

David Gast, a Tucson resident and owner of the 1913 Peugeot Apline Tourer said the tour was his second to come to post.

"The nice thing about southern Arizona is that there are a lot of paved back roads with little traffic," he said. "There are so many wonderful roads here in Cochise County.

"The purpose of the club is touring," Gast went on, "not showing and not winning prizes. All of the cars are originals and that's kind of unique in itself."

Hoiles said very few of the cars on the tour come from the host club and that some have traveled many miles just to participate in the tour. Two people on the tour came from Oklahoma, one from Kansas, several from California and one couple even had their car shipped from New Jersey. The rest of the group came



Touring association members Frank Hoiles and Sandra Gast were among the 60 or so on the tour, giving Hoiles a chance to enjoy southeastern Arizona by riding in his blue 1927 Ford Model T coupe.

from Tucson.

Being a member of the club doesn't require owning a car, but cars that are in the club must be made before 1928, Hoiles said. Additionally, he noted the difference between antique cars and classic cars.



Antique cars, he said, were essentially those built before World War II and classic cars were built after. Another group of cars from about 1916 and earlier used brass for detailing, which was phased out because of the amount of maintenance that brass requires, Hoiles said.

Hoiles estimated that after an antique car is restored, it requires between eight and 10 hours of maintenance per month to keep it in working order, but that it was worth it for the enjoyment of touring.

"It's just an interesting place for a tour to come," Hoiles said. "To go out that back road and across to Sonoita is a beautiful drive and there's no traffic. We try to stay away from traffic."

## ESPN broadcasts SportsCenter live from Kuwait

**ARMY NEWS SERVICE** 

ESPN brought SportsCenter to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, for a week of live broadcasts beginning Sept. 11 to chronicle the lives of deployed American troops.

A flurry of last-minute activity was needed to prepare the set, in a ware-house at Camp Arifjan, for the live broadcasts.

Soldiers hurriedly added sandbags to a bunker, while several others made last-minute adjustments to the camouflage netting covering a tent. As the project neared completion, a sergeant major and a few officers stood in the middle of it all plotting the next move.

A week earlier, the building housing the tent and bunker was a halfempty warehouse containing nothing but a few hundred vacant bunk beds. Now it's the provisional home to one of cable television's most popular shows.

The announcement in late August by ESPN officials to bring SportsCenter to Kuwait put network employees in a crunch for time, shortening a shipping process that usually takes a couple months into only two-and-a-half weeks, Mike Armatta, ESPN technical Manager, said.

The first pieces of equipment began arriving at the show's temporary studio at Camp Arifjan's Building 511 Sept.. 4, with the set-up process scheduled to begin the following day. The arrivals, however, merely marked the start of a days-long waiting game with Kuwaiti customs.

The network had to clear through customs a collection of cameras, monitors, lights and other equipment brought in from several countries in more than

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800 boxes with a combined weight of nearly 22 tons.

Little by little, equipment trickled in, but construction on the set could not begin until an instrumental piece-the truss system-arrived. The system is basically the infrastructure of the set. It hangs from the ceiling and holds the combination of lights, cables and projectors needed to put on a live show. Without it, the set would have to wait.

As crew members waited, service members and civilians from various units and organizations sprung into action, helping transform the sprawling warehouse into something a little more broadcast friendly. Troops and civilians used a mix of elbow grease and creativity to meet ESPN's needs and solve problems on the spot.

"To save money, we tried to utilize as many military resources and supplies as we had," Army Maj. Larry Crowl, operations and plans officer for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command Public Affairs Office, said.

The work varied in scale and scope and included everything from arranging for high-speed internet and phone service, to making sure ESPN would have enough electricity to power its army of equipment.

Using items from closed-down camps and Patriot missile sites around Kuwait, workers with Arifjan's Directorate of Public Works outfitted the building with a completely new electrical system, said Al Cottone, DPW's electrical engineering technician.

"It's basically like building a power cell to run the equivalent of a city block in a week's time," said Army Sgt. Stephen Miller, DPW's lead electrician.

In case of a power outage, Cottone

and Miller have two massive 400 kilowatt generators on standby. According to Miller's estimates, the two generators are capable of providing enough electricity to power approximately 26 large Army tents.

Meanwhile, members of the Army's 854th Engineer Detachment worked to customize four modified shipping containers into rooms for tasks such as editing and applying graphics. The Soldiers even outfitted the containers with air conditioners to cool those working in them and their equipment.

At about 9 p.m. Sept. 7, the truss system finally arrived. Crew members from ESPN and three companies the network hired to assist with technical operations, Vertigo Rigging, Charter Broadcast and Blitz Lighting, Sound and Video, worked until about 2 a.m. the next morning mounting the system and rigging it with the four projectors and 140 different

lights to be used during the broadcasts

By the time network satellites beamed the first live images of Camp Arifjan back to the United States Sept. 11, more than 250 service members and civilian employees from various units and organizations had assisted ESPN and its crew with nearly every aspect of the visit.

The cooperation of the troops seemed to impress many among the ESPN crew, including Mike McQuade, SportsCenter's senior coordinating producer.

"In many instances we pay to broadcast from places and don't get the kind of cooperation we've gotten here," he said.

Crowl cited a simple reason for all the activity and support.

"Why are we putting in all this work? Because we're not only Soldiers, we're sports fans," he said.



By Spc. Curt Cahou

Blitz Lighting, Sound and Video employee Ross Baker riggs cables for a projector ESPN is using this week for its live SportsCenter broadcasts from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

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#### Free workshop

Learn about "Spanish Exploration in Arizona between 1539-1821" from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. today at the Sierra Vista Public Library/Mona Bishop Room, 2600 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista. John Madsen, Research Specialist at the Arizona State Museum in Tucson will present the program. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call 366-5515 ext.22.

#### Punt, pass and kick competition

Parks and Leisure Services in Sierra Vista will be conducting the NFL/Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick Competition from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday on Arbenz Field. The competition is free and open to girls and boys 8-15. Registration is ongoing at Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. A copy of each participant's birth certificate is required at registration in order to compete. For more information, call 458-7922.

#### **Greyhound adoption day**

There will be a greyhound adoption day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Arizona Feeds/Ramsey Canyon Feed and Pet Store, 4107 East Glenn Rd., Sierra Vista. The available dogs are ex-racers, recently retired from the track. They make outstanding indoor companions and get along well with children, other dogs and pets. For more information, call 378-1763.

#### **Trekkers Oktoberfest**

Thunder Mountain Trekkers and Sierra Vista Elks Club are hosting their annual Oktoberfest Friday and Saturday. On the Friday, there will be an evening walk, followed by food and live music. There will be a morning walk on the Saturday. The next Thunder Mountain Trekkers meeting is at 7 p.m., Tuesday, 311 Wilcox Dr. in Sierra Vista. For more information, call 378-1763.

#### Wings and spurs

The third annual Wings and Spurs Fly-In will be held from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Tombstone Municipal Airport, State High-

way 80, southeast of Tombstone. There will be over 50 aircraft on display as well as a fly-in, food and music. For more information, call 457-3287.

#### "Sky Islands in Grassland Seas"

Explore "Sky Islands in Grassland Seas" at 1:30 p.m., Sunday at the Carr House visitor information center. Janice Przybyl, the wildlife monitoring program coordinator of the Sky Island Alliance will present a program that explains the importance of the Huachuca sky islands and their corridors.

The Carr House is located approximately seven miles south of Sierra Vista. Travel Highway 92 and turn right (west) on Carr Canyon Road. Continue on for approximately 2.4 miles. The pavement ends at the forest boundary but the dirt road is suitable for passenger vehicles. Turn left where the road forks to enter the parking lot area.

#### Youth tennis lessons

Parks and Leisure Services in Sierra Vista will be offering after school tennis lessons beginning Oct. 4. Beginner lessons will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and intermediate lessons will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Lessons run four consecutive weeks for youth, 6-17. Registration is \$50 per student and class sizes are limited to eight. Register at Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

#### Adult flag football league

Parks and Leisure Services in Sierra Vista will be offering a Four-On-The-Fly Adult Flag Football League starting Nov. 10th. Teams will consist of eight players per roster and participants must be 16 or older. League registration is \$200 per team, running through Oct. 4. Registration will be taken at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

#### **NASCAR** at commissary

Look for the Tide racing car from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 5 and 6 at the commissary parking lot. Drawings will be held every hour giving away Tide bicycles.

#### Gem and mineral show

The Huachuca Gem and Mineral Club will be hosting a mineral show 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Oct. 8 and 9 and 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at Cochise College. The show will feature gemstones, jewelry, beads, mineral displays and a fluorescent mineral room. The show is free and open to the public.

#### Fall festival

The Patagonia Fall Festival: "A Celebration of Music & Art" at 10 a.m. Oct. 9 and 10, in the Town Park. Visitors will enjoy over 140 arts, crafts, entertainment, specialty food, not-for-profit, and living gently booths of exhibitors from around the West.

Musicians from around the region will offer a diverse selection of international as well as local musical genres including Andean, Classical, Jazz, Variety, Bluegrass, Folk, Rock 'n Roll, and Blues. Patagonia Town Park is located on Route 82 between Sonoita and Nogales. Admission and entertainment are free to the public and wheel chair accessible.

For more information contact the Patagonia Visitor Center at (520) 394-0060 or (888) 794-0060 or visit www.patagoniaaz.com.

#### Sierra Vista Veterans Day Parade

Community organizations are invited to march along with veterans during the Veterans' Day Parade, 9 a.m. Nov. 11 to show their support and appreciation.

Parade applications are available at Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, Ethel Berger Center, Oscar Yrun Community Center, and Sierra Vista City Hall. Completed applications must be turned in by Nov. 5 to the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office or Oscar Yrun Community Center.

The following coordinators can provide specific group information: veteran groups call Leo Pimple at 459-0103, individual veterans not connected with a veteran organization call Bobbie Hansen 803-6846, and community organizations call Lee Elaban at 458-7922. For more information, call Virginia Sciarrino at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office at 533-1285. Weight loss group

## Pets Of The Week



Brandy is a young, tan and black female boxer.



Twinkle is a 15-week-old, spayed female longhaired cat.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

## At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:



Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

### Watch CAC

For the latest news in the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day. The Fort Report airs weekdays at 6 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Army NewsWatch follows at 6:05a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. Catch Air Force TV News right after at 7a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Be sure to top it all off with Navy/Marine Corps News at 7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. As a special bonus, right after each news block you can catch Army HealthWatch, an exclusive look at fitness and health in the

This week on The Fort Report, we check out the sights and sounds of this year's fall Fun Festival, plus a special look at a most unique hobby as well as all the top news stories affecting your way of life on Fort Huachuca.

If you're interested in posting your message on the Commander's Channel, e-mail your request to <a href="mailto:channel97@hua.army.mil">channel97@hua.army.mil</a>.

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teams earn 25 points, Kimsey said. Also key to earning points is doing well in major sports, which earn teams 50 points just for participating and 65 additional points for placing first, 50 for second and 40 for third. Major sports include football, soccer, volleyball, bowling and softball. Minor sports earn teams 30 points for participating and 35 additional points for placing first.

"Their success is that they had a really, really strong representative who came to all the meetings," Kimsey said. "They were also very conscientious about following the eligibility rules. They don't stack the teams and make sure everyone's legal. They play by the rules."

"If other units had commander support like B 305th, Commander's Cup sports would be really, really competitive," Kimsey said. "It's not just getting good teams. There are many factors involved in success and getting that trophy."

See next week's Scout for final Commander's Cup sports point for all participating units.

## Hunting info on post updated

**SCOUT REPORTS** 

Editor's note: the following information is to correct the outdated hunting information erroneously published in the Sept. 9 edition of the Scout, Page

Each hunter is responsible for knowing information, procedures and regulations contained in the annual Hunting Fact Sheet, and is required to read and comprehend the entire document, not just hunt numbers, as a contribution as a contribution to the future of hunting on Fort Huachuca.

Specific hunt numbers and tag information become obsolete as the tags are issued. A new fact sheet with current information will be available in late April or early May each year.

Changes and highlights for this year's hunting regulations on post:

•A document with updates, such as finalized spring hunt information for Fort Huachuca, will be posted on the Internet at huachuca-www.army.mil/ <u>USAG/DIS/hunting.html</u>.

from 2003.

- Application for Fort Huachuca hunt permit tags still cannot be done online or by telephone, and can be submitted only by U.S. mail with the Arizona Game & Fish Dept application form and envelope.
- Leftover tags for fort hunts cannot be applied for on-line on a first-come, first-serve basis, and can be obtained only by U.S. mailing to: Attn: ATZS-IS Hunt Tag; U.S. Army Garrison; 3040 Butler Rd.; Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-
- •Hunters are reminded to read and be familiar with the entire hunting fact sheet from the Directorate of Installation Support not just hunt numbers. This will directly help to continue the availability of big game hunting on Fort Huachuca and its compatibility with other activities.
- Blaze orange is standardized as required color of the upper garment and hat that all outdoor recreational users of post training lands must wear during deer and javelina rifle big game seasons. Quail, dove, squirrel and cotton

•Fall hunt numbers are changed tail rabbit hunters also must wear blaze orange when hunting. The camouflage version of blaze orange apparel is authorized as long as at least 50 percent of the surface is blaze orange.

- ·Legal game for all archery only hunting periods is antlered deer only.
- Champ hunters must participate in a hunt orientation with a local huntcooperator prior to actually signing out to hunt with their deer permit tag.
- Fall bear hunting is later this year, and potentially will be Oct. 21- Dec. 31, but bear hunting

will be closed Nov. 5-16 and Dec. 17-30, unless a need for population management hunting exists.

- See Page 2 of "AZ Hunting Regulations for 2004-2005" for changes in Mearns quail bag limit and requirements to report archery deer harvest and provide a tooth from lion, as well as bear.
- If you see wildlife wearing collars, bands, ear or wing tags, or radiotransmitters (such as turkey, skunks, and turtles), please report details to 533-7083 or 1867.

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